Q: How flexible is the 11/15/23 - 4/30/24 timeline?
A: We will allow for some flexibility in the timeline, however the 4/30/24 end date cannot be extended. We would ask for an explanation in your narrative of why you intend to operate the shelter for a decreased period of time.

Q: Can the funding be utilized to purchase a building?
A: Because of the cost and time involved in building acquisition, this funding cannot be used to purchase a building. However it can be used to carry out limited renovations/improvements as long as the space will be ready for occupancy by 11/15/23.

Q: Can more than one organization apply jointly for the funding?
A: Yes. We would need one organization to be the lead agency who could then create sub recipient agreements with partnering agencies.

Q: What is the ceiling for individual funding requests?
A: There is no prescribed ceiling, however the funding is limited and cost effectiveness will be considered in decision making on awards.

Q: What are the allowable uses of the funding? Can the funds be used for equipment, supplies, and construction/renovation? Can the funds be used for staff (as long as the staff are used to expand services, not to replace or supplement current existing staff). Food?
A: The funds can be used for all things you mentioned as long as the shelter can be up and running by mid-November and only increased capacity (in beds and staffing) is being covered.

Q: Do shelters have to be open every night or just when temperatures reach a certain level?
A: Shelters have to be open every night.

Q: Do we have to commit to allowing individuals 17 and younger to access the shelter?
A: No.